WHY DON'T YOU LAUGH?

Why don't you laugh, young man, when Instead of sitting 'round so sour and glum' ou cannot have all play, And sunshine every day

When troubles come, I say, why don't you

Why don't you laugh? 'Twill ever help to The aches and pains. No road in life is

There's many an unseen bump, And many a hidden stump O'er which you'll have to jump. Why don't

Why don't you laugh? Don't let your spirits wilt. Don't sit and cry because the milk you've

If you would mend it, now, Pray let me tell you how: Just milk another cow! Why don't you

laugh? Why don't you laugh, and make us all laugh, too.

And keep us mortals all from getting blue? A laugh will always win; If you can't laugh, just grin-Come on, let's all join in! Why don't you

-James Courtney Challiss, in N. Y. Inde-

THE OLD SILVER TRAIL

BY MARY E. STICKNEY.

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CHAPTER V.

Harvey Neil rode over to Tomtown the next morning pursuing his way thence to Orodelphia, the county seat, and the one town of considerable importance in that part of the country, where he betook himself to his attorney, Donald Bartels.

"Brigham has gone back on us," was his abrupt announcement, as he sank wearily into the chair the lawyer had hospitably pushed forward.

"No!" said Bartels, looking very grave. "What are your reasons for thinking

"Col. Meredith rode over to see him yesterday. I found that out by accident, and of course my suspicions were aroused at once. To-day I rode over to Tomtown myself, and the first look at the fellow's face told me that I was right."

"Did you put the question to him straight?"

"No; where would have been the use? He was prepared to deny it, naturally. I thought it more to the purpose to raise my own bid-and did not raise it high enough. I saw that in his face, too, although he was cannily noncommittal. Either he is intending to skip out before the trial or-"

"We can have a subpoena issued for him," put in Bartels, thoughtfully. "But if he has gone over to the other side he would be of mighty little use to us. I believe you will have to raise your bid again, Neil. What did you offer him?"

"A thousand dollars if we win, and his expenses from the time I got him here. I paid him good wages as long as he was working in the Grubstake, you know."

"Yes; but you will have to make the figure a good deal more than that, I imagine, if the colonel is in the market against you. We want him, if it is a possible thing."

"Yes; but the question is, what is

he worth to us?" "Well, with the average jury, he would be worth a good deal. He not only worked the Grubstake long enough to have the lay of the land and all his figures down pat, but he had that couversation with McCready which is worth more to us than all the rest. If we can bring him to swear that Me-Cready told him he didn't care if they were on Muscot ground-that he owed you one, anyway, and he'd see that the ground was stripped so clean that there would be mighty little left for you by the time the court could stop him-that might be mighty good testimony for us. In fact, Brigham is our ptincipal witness, of course, and we've got to hold on to him if it is within the range of possibility. You'd better see standing at once. Find out what the colonel's figure was, and go him one better."

"And next thing the colonel will be outbidding me again, and I shall be facing the same proposition with an added ipher, I suppose," Neil gloomily reoined. "The poor old Mascot seems to ave been hoodooed from the first to

"Oh, I don't know. I am not particu-

case, I can tell you. The decision of the

United States supreme court in the Amy-Silversmith case has put a stop to all controversy in respect to an owner's right to follow his lode in its downward course beyond his side lines. The ruling is clear beyond question that the owner of a claim, where the apex of his vein crosses the side lines and not its end lines, has no extra-lateral rights at all; that is, he cannot go outside his upon any pretext whatever. The location cuts no figure. As was held in the case of the Iron Silver versus the Elgin Mining company, if the original locator of a claim cannot or does not | The superintendent has inflammatory make the explorations necessary to ascertain the true trend of his veln and draws his end lines ignorantly he must take the consequences. The claim of of his getting upon his legs again in the Grubstake that its vein makes a turn at the point where it crosses the Minscot, assuming that it would hold to much, to be sure; but to have it haplateral rights by virtually conceding the case is hoodooed from first to before the post office to have the lean that the apex of the vein crosses the side line. It only remains for us to prove the continuance of the Mascot rejoined Bartels, gravely. "We can stage would come a disjointed follow-(vein, which, with the developments you take his deposition de bene esse, of ing of men on horseback and dusty have been making, should be easy

hensions as to the verdict." "But what possible chance have we

garding the cigar he was nervously run my chances than drag along this row, and for safety's sake it behooved turning in his fingers as though the fact that it had gone out was one more happening in the train of ill luck that pursued him. "It seems to me that the average jury is simply a pack of asses.

"Too true. But asses may sometimes be led by the nose, you know."

"And sometimes they are up for sale to the highest bidder.'

"Oh, as to that, you know the sheriff, it has passed the court of appeals." and if you think that Meredith is going to touch him with any ordinary fig-

"In the case of Brigham we seem to have evidence that the colonel is capuble of extraordinary figures upon oc-

"Well, he can afford to pay a pretty liberal percentage to win, for a fact,' Bartels imperturbably rejoined. "But you carry a check-book as well as he. To tell the truth, though, the jury is not troubling me; I am a good deal puted with the road for right of way more disposed to be doubtful about the judge; although as to him-well, I may be borrowing trouble."

"Why, what's the matter with him?" And the match which he had lighted was allowed to burn Neil's fingers in his surprise. "I thought Duval was all

"Well, so he is, probably," returned the lawyer, with some embarrassment, set well back from the street, which "Only-well, I accidentally discovered gave it an air of burrowing into the the other day that he had been mixed steep hillside behind. Farther along, up with the colonel in some mining as one looked in either direction, were deals down in Mexico. I don't know what it amounts to; I don't know that latter considerably predominating, he would dare go too far anyway; but-"

"Can't we get a change of venue?" demanded Neil, looking worn and sick.

"Oh, I don't think it would do to go as far as that. It would prejudice him ing glories. There were a Chinese against the case; and if he were predisposed against us of course he would | blacksmith shop flaunting a covering of oppose the motion, and- Oh, no; it out-of-date circus posters, and an unwould hardly pay us to make such a pretentious drug store, developed out break as that, all things considered, of the office of the one physician, who But I was thinking, if he could be ap- generally attested the healthfulness of proached just right-

"Again the check-book might prove mightier than pen or sword," ex- which bore no outward resemblance to claimed Neil, bitterly, as he bent to medical treatises. scratch a new match against his boot-

"It is life; not much worse in Colocent dream.' He might have gone further and said that purity in anything is a dream little likely to be realized before the millennium. But don't take it all too seriously, Neil. As I said before, I doubt if Duval would dare go too far in any case. He is working for reelection. And our main reliance is on the jury, anyway, and with them you certainly have an equal chance with the other side."

"For which I should be lifting my eyes in thanks to heaven and devoting myself to burnt offerings and sacrifices, I suppose," rejoined Neil, hotly. "By Jove, Bartels, look at it! Can you imagine a greater outrage? Here I give up some of the best years of my life to toiling and moiling in that mine, laboring like a convict, until at last I make a strike. A rich strike; but what has it cost me? Nobody knows who has not tried it, what it takes out of a man to live and work for years like that. He pays the price of success out of his very arteries; he is just so much the poorer in actual life-blood; he has burned out that much of his candle of life, and it is gone, never to be regained. He is old and all the wealth of the world will never give him back his squandered youth. It would seem, conidering all things, that he should be entitled to his paltry wages; but far from that, every highwayman in the land is at liberty to harass and despoil him, provided only the methods are chosen with reference to the accommodating blindness of the law. Col. Meredith walks into my mine and steals my ore; I call upon the courts for redress, and justice, in beautiful impartiality, grants Col. Meredith as well as myself an injunction, shutting me out him and have a perfectly clear under- of my own ore body until an addlepated jury can decide to whom it really belongs. If a tramp should come along and steal my coat, I could have him sent up for sixty days, with hardly the deay of an hour; but this high-toned thief can rob me of thousands, and my only redress seems to be to allow judge end jury and witnesses to rob me of thousands more. It is enough to make man swear."

"Well, swear, then. It may do you good," laughed the lawyer, but his larly concerned about the results in this giance was sympathetic. "It is tough, for a fact, Neil. But you've gone a little too far over to the pessimistic side

now. It might be worse. "That is such a consolation!" ejaculated the young man, savagely. They smoked on in silence for a few moments, when in a milder tone he went on to say: "And, by the way-of course it might be worse-'

"You don't mean that there is another item of trouble!" ejaculated the lawyer, with a laugh of joking dismay. "Well,

I don't wonder you are down." "I should say not. And in this instance another fellow is down as well. rheumatism, and from the doctor's report to-day it looks as though there would hardly be a chance in a hundred time to be in court when the case is called. His testimony doesn't amount water, effectually disposes of any extra- pen goes to prove, as I said before, that

"We need all the help we can get," course; but we would have to apply to couples in open carts; more often still enough. Oh, no; if we only get the the courts for leave and give the other heavy freight-wagons laden with ore

know. It would make delay." to get the right kind of a jury?" re- without him!" exclaimed Nell, with an jangling of bells at the horses' heads, if you have to be careful where you turned the young man, dejectedly, re- nir of desperation. "I would rather | for the road down the canyon was nar- | spit.

way a day longer than necessary. Let

us know the worst and be done with it." "Oh, in this case it will be the best. Never fear, old fellow. Only we want to make as good a fight as we can. Perhaps we can get along without your man, though: I will think it over and decide. Meantime, remember that a man is never undone till he is hanged; and a case is not to be counted lost till

CHAPTER VI.

Windy Gulch seemed bare and baking in the sultry afternoon sunshine as Dorothy Meredith idly looked out upon its one dusty street from her window at the Palace hotel. The Palace, a flimsy, two-storied frame structure, wholly unpretentious except as to name, occupied a position well to the center of the place, its back to the creek which disall through the narrow defile in which the camp had located itself. Across the street was a general store, which also served as post office, flanked on either side by saloons, that to the west being joined to an unfinished building of which the sun-browned timbers told of work long since abandoned, the one on the east followed by a small log house to be seen other stores and saloons, the their lines broken at near intervals by the door yards of modest residences where the homemaking instinct struggled against heavy climatic odds in a sickly showing of geraniums and mornlaundry and a bakery; a rickety frame the place by sitting all day long before his door, idly occupied with literature

The houses were generally of logs, the sole. He relighted his eigar, smoking | few of frame for the most part left unfor a moment in gloomy silence before | painted, and, like their more primitive he added: "And this is justice in Colo- neighbors, wearing an air of premature age and decrepitude from the dark brown stains which the flerce Colorado rado than in the rest of these United sunshine had wrought on those sides States, I faney. As Senator Ingalls which looked to east and west: Few puts it, 'Purity in politics is an irides- were of more than a single story in height, although the stores and saloons,



he a rule, had reacked after more im-

posing effect in the square, sham fronts so popular in mining-camp architecture. The demijohn which contained the while these had further emphasized their pretensions to style by washes of paint in which a preference for pure white had with the passage of time brought a painfully bedraggled appearance to the dusty place. Rising abruptly behind the shabby

procession of buildings on that side facing the hotel was a mighty hill terminating in castellated heights of red sandstone, a mass of color showing in superinduced brilliancy above the faded slopes which appeared dead beyond any hope of resurrection; and the stunted, dull-hued pines, sparsely dotting the expanse, gave scarce more vivid showing of life. All up and down this colorstarved surface yawned prospect-holes beyond counting, a few gray dumppiles at intervals telling of deeper work; the smaller number still that had gone so far as to erect shaft-houses showing now for the most part descried. It is the common background of the mining camp, this disproportionate showing of failure and success; and especially were failure and gaunt woe most in evidence in Windy Gulch in this summer-time of 1894, for its veins were mostly but rich in silver, the illomened metal at this time cast into limbo by the powers that shape the financial policy of the world.

But the camp wore an air of lethargic indifference to all its ills on this warm August afternoon. Its day began early, when the steam whistles of the working mines shrilly cried out for change of "shifts," and up and down the hills on every side the miners, always with tin dinner-pails swinging in their hands, might be seen going to or coming from their labors like straggling processions of overgrown ants. Then women, bareheaded and bare-armed, came out to fetch water from the creek or to stand gossiping at their doors, while with loud cracking of the driver's whip the stage for Orodelphia would wheel up mail-sack heaved on board with mighty show of importance. And after the right kind of a jury, I have no appre- side time for cross-examination, you and others piled high with fresh lumber exhaling clean, resinous odors; all "Then, in heaven's name, let us do these cumbrous conveyances with a gay

that all give warning of their coming.

All this was in the early morning, for the majority would choose to have the day before them for the long, hard trip to town, making their homeward way when the shadows had begun to lengthen and the air had grown cool. Now in mid-afternoon nothing disturbed the sleepy calm of the place save a few children and chickens pottering about in the thick dust of the street, the one brood apparently as listless and void of purpose as the other. Across the way, the postmaster, secure in belief that nobody would come bothering him for either mail or merchandise at this hour of the day, smoked in dreamy content, his thin form luxuriously telescoped in a wooden arm-chair, his long legs disposed across an iron wheelbarrow, which was evidently a part of his stock in trade. The saloon man next door was visibly snoring, his mouth a very cavern of escaping sound; while so long a time had elapsed since the doctor had turned a page of his book that it would seem he might well have committed the last to memory. There was a soft, broken murmur from the creek, a drowsy swish of leaves among the cottonwoods along its banks, and the stamp-mill at the far end of the place went on in a dull monotone, like a devil's tattoo that would never stop;

but withal it seemed deadly quiet. Dorothy Meredith yawned helplessly as she turned from her outlook behind the dusty lace curtains of the Palace hotel parlor to purposeless survey of the large, bare room. She had brought her book here in the hope of finding a cooler place than her room on the floor above; it was cooler, but the atmosphere seemed oppressively close, while there was that in the stiff arrangement of the conventional parlor suit of cheap furniture which somehow conveyed the impression that the apartment was not intended for everyday use. Now that she was here, Dorothy found herself instinctively stepping about on tiptoe, with a vague sense of intrusion, very soon deciding that even as a choice of evils the place would not do. She only halted while fretfully considering whether she should return to her room and take a nap or shake off creeping lethargy by going for a walk, determining finally to take her chances out of doors, although it seemed well-

nigh like courting sunstroke. But she loitered by the window a moment longer, now moved to idle curiosity by the sound of hoof-beats coming down the road, a small mischievous hope stirring in her mind that it might be somebody to pester the postmaster for mail or rouse the saloon-man from his dreams. But the rider had naught to do with either of these, as it soon appeared. He rode straight on to the doctor's office, a man who sat his horse with the easy, slouching grace of one accustomed to much riding, a young man at sight of whom Dorothy drew back hastily behind the sheltering curtain, her face all a warm, pink glow.

[TO BE CONTINUED.] A READY EXPLANATION.

It Took Quick Thinking, But It Ar-

rived on Demand. A Washington man is accustomed to using what he considers a very choice product of the distiller's art. His preference for the liquor in question has been approved by a number of connoisseurs in such matters, and he began to suspect that a colored man in his employ had added his indorsement in a manner tacit, but sincere. The compliment was a high one; for the colored man has long been employed in the culinary department, and he had a sense of smell and a keenness of taste which many a gourmet might envy. liquor emptied with such surprising rapidity that its proprietor concluded to adopt radical measures. In the absence of direct proof, he decided to try strategy. He allowed the demijohn to become empty, and, instead of filling it again, put the liquor in bottles in his cupboard, and labeled them "poison." The word was printed in heavy. black letters, and a skull and crossbones were added, of a size calculated to make an impression on the most stolid. He kept an eye on the cupboard. too, and one night, as he came home from the theater, he caught the colored servant in the act. Seizing the bottle in mock terror, the employer ex-

claimed: "Great heavens! Do you know what you are doing? Don't you see that what that bottle contains is marked

The colored man held it off and looked at it. Then he smelled it, and, with a look of melancholy, replied:

"'Tain' poison, suh. I's done been fooled ag'in." "How dared you tamper with it, whether you knew it was poison or

"Boss, it wus dis-a-way. F'um de way you acted 'bout dat demijohn in de cellar, I done thought yoh had yoh s'picions ob me, an' it made me melancholy, foh sho'. I's been tryin' foh mos' two weeks now ter commit suicide out'n dat bottle!" - Washington

To Please His Public.

"These are the littlest sandwiches I ever saw for the money," said the trav-

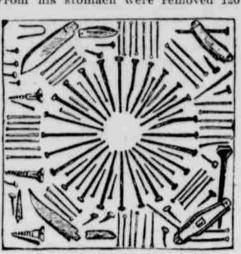
"It's like this," the railway restaurant man explained. "There was so much complaint of the quality of 'em that I thought I would make 'em smaller, so there would not be so much to kick about."-Indianapolis Journal.

-Dr. Nansen's expedition to the North pole returned after an absence of three years. The highest latitude reached was 86 degrees 14 minutes, or 200 miles further north than ever reached before. No land was found north of latitude 82 degrees.

-It really isn't much fun to smoke

THE HUMAN OSTRICH. Invoice of the Goods Removed from

Harry Whallen's Stomach. The world's "human ostrich" record has been broken, and winning the championship cost Harry Whallen his life not long ago. That gentleman had been swallowing all sorts of strange articles for a living for the past 17 years without experiencing any ill effects until a few days ago. Then he complained to City Physician Smythe, of Kansas. City, Mo., that he was suffering from indigestion, and that he had stored a choice collection of hardware and briea-brae in his stomach. He was taken to the German hospital in that city, where an operation was performed. From his stomach were removed 120



CONTENTS OF A STOMACH. (The Diet Which Killed the Human Ostrich.)

metallic objects, besides a lot of broken glass. This is the actual invoice:

One four-bladed knife, 31/2 inches long. One two-bladed knife, four inches

One knife blade, 31/4 inches long. One knife blade three inches long.

Two knife blades, two inches long. One knife blade one inch long. Thirty-two eight and ten-penny fence

nails and spikes. Thirty-four six-penny wire nails, sharp-pointed.

Twenty-six shingle nails, one inch Sixteen carpet tacks and small wire

One horseshoe nail. Three large screws. One barbed wire staple.

Three ounces of fine glass. This was the accumulation of a week. A big jackknife belonging to the city marshal of Pilot Grove, Mo., proved too much for him. It would not come back, and set all the other hardware which he took into his stomach into rebellion. Whallen's stomach had become hardened and calloused by the continued practice. Before giving an exhibition it was his custom to eat oatmeal, and he ate more of the meal immediately afterwards. This held the Greeks a great multitude:" This immass of metal objects together and prevented individual pieces from straying off into the suburbs and making trouble.

WILLIAM GRANT EDENS. May Soon Be Made Commissioner of

Immigration. William Grant Edens, of Galesburg, Ill., who will in all probability be appointed commissioner of immigration, with headquarters at New York, is one of the best known and most popular young republicans in the country. He has the backing of both the Illinois senators for the place and he is acceptable to the members of the labor unions, who turned out the most efficient opponents to the appointment of T. V. Powderly. Mr. Edens has been identified with the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen for many years, and ever since his appointment he has been a worker among railroad men. Young Edens enjoys the distinction of having been one of the original McKinley men in Illinois, and his labors for the success of the McKinley movement were



WILLIAM GRANT EDENS. (Slated for Commissioner of Immigration.)

as effective as incessant. He has been a republican one may say from his birth. His first vote was cast for Gov. Foraker and his first presidential vote for Blaine. Soon after its organization he joined the National Republican league, and was a delegate from Illinois to the national convention of the league at Louisville in 1893 and at Denver in 1894. To the convention at Cleveland in 1895 he was delegate at large from Illinois. His abilities as an organizer were so apparent that his friends insisted on his accepting the office of state organizer for Illinois, in which position he did excellent service for his party. Mr. Edens is still in the early 30s. He is a native of Indiana, spent his youth and young manhood in Ohio, and in 1890 he came to Galesburg, where he has since lived.

Glass Eyes Wear Out.

A single glass eye can rarely be worn more than a year without being polished, for the surface becomes roughened by the action of tears, etc., and irritates the lids as they rub over it.

Aluminium lints for Firemen. Portland's firemen are spic and span in aluminium hats. Lighter, stronger and a greater protection against falling debris is what is claimed for the innovation.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

International Lesson for July 18, 1897 -Paul at Thessalonica and Berea-Acts 17:1-12.

[Arranged from Peloubet's Notes.] GOLDEN TEXT.—They received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily.—Acts 17: 11. THE SECTION includes Acts 17:1-14, and the light thrown on the Thessalonians by Paul's two epistles to them, especially 1 Thessaionians 1:1-9; 2:8-14; 3:5-10; 4:9, 10; 2 Thessaionians 1: 2, 4; 2:1, 2; and Philippians 4:15, 16. TIME.-A. D. 52, probably the summer

LESSON COMMENT.

I. Founding of the Church in Thessalonica.-Vs. 1-4. After the strange events at Philippi, the "three poor wandering missionaries, Silas, Timothy and Paul," went along the great Roman road toward the southwest.

1. "They:" Note the change in the pronouns, which shows that Luke was left at Philippi. "Passed through Amphipolis:" About 30 miles nearly west from Philippi. "And Apollonia:" Thirty miles southwest of Amphipolis, and 37 from Thessalonica. "Thessalonica:" From very early times this city was famed as a commercial center.

2. "And Paul, as his manner:" His regular custom was to begin his work first among the Jews, to attend their synagogues on the Sabbath and to speak to them about Christ.

3. "Opening:" Unfolding the Scripture truths, pointing out to them the things they had not noticed, or application of which they had not understood. "And alleging:" Not "asserting," as the word means, in modern English, but "setting forth" arguments, reasons, as the word "allege" means in older English, as the Greek word, so translated, means. Paul not only explained the Scriptures, but set forth the arguments that proved that "Christ," the Messiah they were looking for, "must needs have suffered:" He is so pictured in the Scriptures. And anyone claiming to be the Messiah, who did not suffer as foretold in Isaiah 53, could not be the true Messiah. The absence of this mark would prove him an impostor. "And risen again from the dead:" The missionaries preached a living Christ, exalted at the right hand of God, and who was the rightful king of all the earth, a living, present Saviour and Lord. "And that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ:" Having shown them from the Scriptures a true description of the promised Messiah, they show that Jesus was the one described.

4. "And some of them," the Jews, "believed:" or were persuaded by Paul's reasoning. "Consorted with Paul and Silas:" Cast in their lot with Paul and Silas; not only accepted theoretically their interpretations of prophecy, but practically adopted the Christian life with all the dangers which such a course entailed. "And of the devout plies that after the three Sabbaths in the synagogue, Paul labored for some time among the Gentiles.

II. Paul Expelled from Thessalonica. -Vs. 5-10. 5. "The Jews:" as a body, "moved with envy:" Jealousy at their own decline and the growth of Christianity. "Lewd:" in its older sense of vile, worthless "fellows of the baser sort:" Market loungers or loafers around the market places, a natural lounging place of the lazy and worthless rabble, ready for any excitement. "Set all the city on an uproar:" Made such a disturbance as affected the whole city. "Assaulted the house of Jason:" Without doubt, the host of Paul and Silas, a Thessalonian and a Christian convert. "Bring them out to the people:" So that the excited mob might inflict summary vengeance on them.

7, "These all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar:" Forbidding rebellion and treason, which decree was broken, they said, because they proclaimed "another king, one Jesus:" It was very easy to misapprehend the Christian teaching about Christ as a king, of whose kingdom the apostles were heralds. Jesus Himself had been misunderstood and His words perverted. We can scarcely now realize the suspicions which must have been roused against the early preachers of Christianity by the very language they used.

8. "They troubled the people and the rulers:" They could find no good charge against these people, who were by far the best citizens, and yet there was danger, if they took no notice of the charge, that they themselves would be charged with treason, and the freedom of their city taken away.

9. "Taken security:" bail. Jason and others pledged their persons, or deposited a sum of money that would be forfeited, if the missionaries remained in Thessalonica. It is thought that this is one reason why Paul did not return there, as he greatly desired to do, a desire expressed in his letters written a few months later (1 Thes. 2:17, 18;

III. Founding of the Church in Berea. -Vs. 10-12. 10. "Unto Berea:" A city 60 miles southwest of Thessalonica.

11. "These," Jews, "were more noble:" in character, in all that makes true nobility. This nobility expressed itself (1) "in that they received the word with all readiness of mind:" Their minds were open to all truth from every source. (2) "And searched the Scriptures:" They did not take things by hearsay, but sought the truth for themselves. Because they received the truth only on good evidence. They were not led captive by every new idea, but first waited till they could find that it was

-The doors of your soul are epen on others, and theirs on you. Simply to be in this world, whatever you are, is to exert an influence, an influence compared with which mere language and persuasion are feeble .- Anon.

-Ignorance is not always a valid excuse; where opportunities for acquiring knowledge abound, it is in itself a sin and an aggregation of other sins .--United Presbyterian.

-It takes courage to fight, strength to overcome, and grace to endure .--Chicago Standard.